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REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 4-6 and 32 under the judicially created doctrine of the obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-7 and 26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,977,219.

Without admitting the appropriateness of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, the Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R 1.321 in reference to U.S. Patent No. 6,977,219 signed by a registered agent of record to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Additionally, for the record, the Applicants submit that the present claims and the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,977,219 were commonly owned or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same entity at the time the inventions were made.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection has been overcome. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow claims 1-2, 4-6 and 32.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the search and for finding allowable subject matter. The Examiner has allowed claims 7-24. The Examiner has objected to claim 3 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 7-24 are re-presented herein. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow these claims to grant.

Claim 3 depends from claim 1. As discussed above, the double patenting rejection of claim 1 is believed to have been overcome. Accordingly, claim 1 and its dependent claims, including claim 3, are believed to be allowable.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner has withdrawn claims 33-37 from further consideration.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 33-37 have been cancelled.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the cited art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request For An Extension Of Time

The Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.

Charge Our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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